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For: OPTICAL DETECTION IN A MULTI-  
CHANNEL BIO-SEPARATION  
SYSTEM

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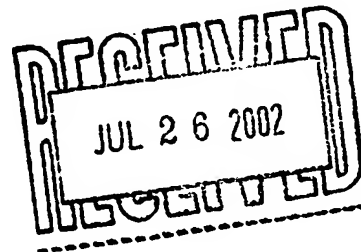
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.



This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ Within three months of the application filing date or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
- ☐ After receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.
  - ☐ A fee is required. A check for payment of the fees is attached.
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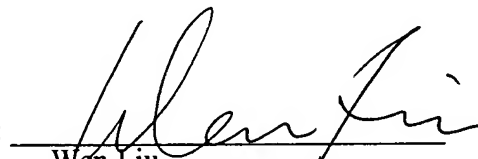
The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this statement to Deposit Account Number 501288 referencing docket no. 1031/209.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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